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The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence continued its investigation into the domestic spying activities of the CIA and disclosed that the agency had routinely opened foreign correspondence to and from prominent Americans over a 20-year period ending in 1973.

Among those whose mail was inspected by the CIA were Richard M. Nixon and Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.) and committee chairman Frank Church (D., Idaho).

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CIA Director William Colby testified that poison was discovered in "a long-neglected vault." It contained deadly shellfish toxin, cobra venom, strychnine and cyanide. And a partridge in a pear tree!

Wait until the CIA reveals that one of the long-neglected vaults contained a guy wearing a black cape who goes around biting people on the throat!

A witness told of the possibility of sneaking toxins into a country by wearing buttons which were made of a poisonous substance. Buttons? I don't think some of those scientists have all of theirs.